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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
3,128,768	Geistauts	Apr. 14, 1964
3,384,085	Hall	May 21, 1968
5,667,509	Westin	Sep. 16, 1997

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

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Germany	200 21 903	March 29, 2001

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP01/14424 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

U.S. Patent No. 3,128,768 was also cited by the German examiner in Applicant's corresponding German patent application 100 64 975.0 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

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WO 97/24991 is equivalent to PCT/AU96/00833, mentioned on page 1 of the present application.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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